EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

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DOCKET NO.: 2007-0889-WQ-E **TCEQ ID:** RN103099156 **CASE NO.:** 33746

RESPONDENT NAME: City of Plano

ORDER TYPE:					
1660 AGREED ORDER	X FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING			
FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	SHUTDOWN ORDER	IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER			
AMENDED ORDER	EMERGENCY ORDER				
CASE TYPE:					
AIR	MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE			
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION			
X WATER QUALITY	SEWAGE SLUDGE	UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL			
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	RADIOACTIVE WASTE	DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION			
SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: City of Plano collection system, located at the intersection of Custer Road and George Bush Turnpike, Plano, Collin County TYPE OF OPERATION: Collection system					
SMALL BUSINESS:YesX	_No				
OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There are two additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location, Docket Nos. 2007-1337-WQ-E and 2007-1644-WQ-E.					
INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.					
COMMENTS RECEIVED: The Texas Register comment period expired on May 12, 2008. No comments were received.					
CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: Ms. Melissa Keller, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1768 TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 3, MC R-04, (817) 588-5886; Mr. Bryan Sinclair, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2171 Respondent: Mr. Jimmy Foster, Director of Public Works, City of Plano, P.O. Box 860358, Plano, Texas 75086 Mr. Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager, City of Plano, P.O. Box 860358, Plano, Texas 75086 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter					

RESPONDENT NAME: City of Plano DOCKET NO.: 2007-0889-WO-E

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART: VIOLATION INFORMATION CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED Type of Investigation: Total Assessed: \$27,000 Corrective Actions Taken: Complaint X Routine The Executive Director recognizes that the Total Deferred: \$0 ___ Enforcement Follow-up Respondent returned to full compliance on Expedited Settlement Records Review January 20, 2007 in regard to the unauthorized discharge and reporting Financial Inability to Pay Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this violations. In addition, the Respondent is currently conducting a three-phased Case: None SEP Conditional Offset: \$27,000 project to evaluate and rehabilitate the Date of Investigation Relating to this Total Paid (Due) to General Revenue: \$0 collection system. Case: January 19, 2007 **Ordering Provisions: Site Compliance History Classification** Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: High ___ Average ___ Poor March 28, 2007 (NOE) The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a Supplemental **Person Compliance History Classification** Environmental Project (SEP). (See SEP Background Facts: This was a routine High X Average Poor Attachment A) investigation of violations which resulted in a fish kill. Major Source: __ Yes _X No WATER Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002 1) Failed to prevent the unauthorized Findings Orders Justification: Environmental discharge of wastewater into water in the receptors have been exposed to pollutants state [Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)]. which exceed levels that are protective. 2) Failed to provide notification of a spill to local government officals, the news media and the TCEO regional office within 24 hours after becoming aware of the discharge [Tex. WATER CODE § 26.039(b) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 319.302(c) and (d)].

Additional ID No(s).: Utilities Registration 20070

Attachment A Docket Number: 2007-0889-WQ-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: City of Plano

Payable Penalty Amount: Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000)

SEP Amount: Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000)

Type of SEP: Pre-approved

Third-Party Recipient: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development

Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Wastewater Treatment Assistance

Location of SEP: Collin County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The Respondent shall contribute to the Third-Party Recipient pursuant to the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to provide low income rural homeowners with assistance to enable the repair or replacement of their failing on-site wastewater systems. SEP monies will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs related to repairing or replacing the failing systems. The recipients will not be charged for the cost of replacing or repairing the failing systems.

The Respondent certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by protecting water sources for drinking, recreation, and wildlife from contamination from failing treatment systems

C. <u>Minimum Expenditure</u>

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

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2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. 1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 510 Bryan, Texas 77802-2700

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Amount, the Respondent shall provide the TCEQ SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Financial Administration Division, Revenues Attention: Cashier, MC 214 P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

The Respondent shall also mail a copy of the check to the TCEQ SEP Coordinator at the address in Section 3 above.

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

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City of Plano Agreed Order – Attachment A

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

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Regula	ated Entity:	RN103099156	CITY	OF PLANO		Classification:		Site Rating:
ID Nun	nber(s):	UTILITIES			REGIS	TRATION		20070
Location	on:	1520 AVENUE	K, PLANO	, TX, 75074			•	
TCEQ	Region:	REGION 04 - I	FW METR	ROPLEX				
Date C	compliance History Prepared:	April 01, 2008						
Agenc	y Decision Requiring Complianc	e History: Enforcement						
Compl	iance Period:	June 06, 2002	to June 06,	, 2007				
TCEQ	Staff Member to Contact for Ad	ditional Information Regardi	ng this Con	npliance History				
Name:	Cheryl Thompson		Phone:	(817)588-5886	-			
		Site Co	mpliance	History Compone	ents			•
1. Has	the site been in existence and/o	or operation for the full five y	ear complia	ance period?	Yes			
2. Has	there been a (known) change in	ownership of the site durin	g the comp	liance period?	No			
3 If Va	es, who is the current owner?				N/A			
	es, who was/were the prior own	er(s)?			N/A	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
5. Wh	en did the change(s) in ownersh	ip occur?			N/A			
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B.	Any criminal convictions of the N/A	state of Texas and the fede	ral governm	nent.				. 25-4
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E.	Written notices of violations (N	OV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No	o.)					
F.	Environmental audits.							
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G.	Type of environmental manage	ment systems (EMSs).						
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l.	Participation in a voluntary pollu	tion reduction program.						
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING THE	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
CITY OF PLANO	§	
RN103099156	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2007-0889-WQ-E

At its ______ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding the City of Plano ("the City") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the City presented this agreement to the Commission.

The City understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, the City agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon Plano.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The City owns and operates a collection system in Plano, Collin County, Texas, with a line located at the intersection of Custer Road and George Bush Turnpike (the "Facility").

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- 2. The City has discharged wastewater into or adjacent to any water in the state under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26.
- 3. During an investigation conducted on January 19, 2007, TCEQ staff documented an unauthorized discharge of four to five million gallons of raw wastewater which began on January 13, 2007 from a collection system line into water in the state due to a line failure. Pittman and White Rock creeks were impacted. Approximately 12 dead fish were documented in a Pittman Creek pond.
- 4. During an investigation conducted on January 19, 2007, TCEQ staff documented notification of a spill was not provided to local government officials, the news media and the TCEQ regional office within 24 hours after becoming aware of the discharge which began on January 13, 2007. The TCEQ regional office was notified orally on January 15, 2007 and local government officials and the news media were notified on January 18, 2007.
- 5. The City received notice of the violations on April 3, 2007.
- 6. The Executive Director recognizes that the City returned to full compliance on January 20, 2007 in regard to the unauthorized discharge and reporting violations. In addition, the City is currently conducting a three-phased project to evaluate and rehabilitate the collection system.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The City is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the Commission.
- 2. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 3, the City failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into water in the state, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a).
- 3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 4, the City failed to provide notification of a spill to local government officals, the news media and the TCEQ regional office within 24 hours after becoming aware of the discharge, in violation of Tex. WATER CODE § 26.039(b) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 319.302(c) and (d).
- 4. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the City for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 5. An administrative penalty in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX WATER CODE § 6.053. Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) shall be conditionally offset by the City's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project.

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III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The City is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 5 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the City's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: City of Plano, Docket No. 2007-0889-WQ-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The City shall implement and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") in accordance with Tex. Water Code § 7.067. As set forth in Section II Paragraph 5 above, Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the City implement the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference. The City's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the administrative penalty assessed shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.
- 3. If the City fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the City's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The City shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The City shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the City becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 4. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the City shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the City receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 5. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the City. The City is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.

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- 6. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the City if the Executive Director determines that the City has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 7. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 8. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the City in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 9. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.
- 10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the third day after the mailing date, as provided by 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	
Sole Taller	5/11/2008
For the Executive Director	Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order in the matter of the City of Plano. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the City of Plano, and do agree to the specified terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I understand that by entering into this Agreed Order, the City of Plano waives certain procedural rights, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations addressed by this Agreed Order, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and the right to appeal. I agree to the terms of the Agreed Order in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. This Agreed Order constitutes full and final adjudication by the Commission of the violations set forth in this Agreed Order.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Signature Signature

Date

THOMAS H. MUEHLENBECK

CITY MANAGER

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of the

City of Plano

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

Attachment A

Docket Number: 2007-0889-WQ-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:

City of Plano

Payable Penalty Amount:

Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000)

SEP Amount:

Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000)

Type of SEP:

Pre-approved

Third-Party Recipient:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development

Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Wastewater Treatment Assistance

Location of SEP:

Collin County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The Respondent shall contribute to the Third-Party Recipient pursuant to the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to provide low income rural homeowners with assistance to enable the repair or replacement of their failing on-site wastewater systems. SEP monies will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs related to repairing or replacing the failing systems. The recipients will not be charged for the cost of replacing or repairing the failing systems.

The Respondent certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by protecting water sources for drinking, recreation, and wildlife from contamination from failing treatment systems

C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

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2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. 1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 510 Bryan, Texas 77802-2700

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Amount, the Respondent shall provide the TCEQ SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Financial Administration Division, Revenues Attention: Cashier, MC 214 P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

The Respondent shall also mail a copy of the check to the TCEQ SEP Coordinator at the address in Section 3 above.

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

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6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

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